

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “Fairfield Four Day”

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Four is universally acclaimed for its longevity as a performing entity, having been founded in the Fairfield Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1921; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Four is lauded as broadcast pioneers who reached listening audiences with their powerful a cappella sound over Clear Channel radio station WLAC for more than 12 years beginning in the 1940’s; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Four is revered for its profound influence on Gospel Singing in America; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Four is recognized for its emotional and stylistic impact on the development of Rock and Roll, Rhythm and Blues, and Soul; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Four has moved and engaged new generations of listeners and lovers of all types of music through their path-breaking collaborations with Elvis Costello, Charlie Daniels, Johnny Cash, Marty Stuart, and Pam Tillis; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Four, from its first recordings in 1941 to its Grammy-winning CD in 1998, has sustained a level of unequalled quality and popularity, representing Gospel with dignity and grace; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Four has been recognized by the National Heritage Award from the National Endowment for the Arts, Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Governor of Tennessee, Nashville Music Awards, Grammy nominations and a Grammy, as well as The James Cleveland Award; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield Four’s renown has been recognized by invitations to appear at Carnegie Hall, at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, on “Late Show with David Letterman”, and in the motion picture “O Brother, Where Art Thou?”; and

WHEREAS, The Fairfield Four, as a repository of black harmony singing that dates back to the 1800’s, has remained steadfast through times of near-constant change.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2004, as “FAIRFIELD FOUR DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to recognize this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 6th day of March 2004.

Mayor